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Via U.S. Mail

9 January 1998

Mr. Paul Allen
Executive Director
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

RE: BellSouth Telecommunications' Entry into Long Distance (InterLATA)
Service in Tennessee Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications
Act of 1996 (Docket No. 97-00309)

Dear Mr. Allen,

Please find enclosed an original and fourteen (14) copies of the Telecommunications Resellers Association's *Petition for Leave to Intervene* in the above-referenced proceeding, along with a filing fee of \$25.

Questions may be addressed to me.

Sincerely,

Telecommunications Resellers Association

Andrew O. Isar

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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BellSouth Telecommunications' Entry)
into Long Distance (InterLATA) Service)
in Tennessee Pursuant to Section 271 of the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996)

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Docket No. 98000000

PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

The Telecommunications Resellers Association ("Association"), on behalf of its members and pursuant to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority's ("TRA") February 13, 1997 Staff Report on the Telecommunications Act of 1996, hereby respectfully petitions TRA for leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of its petition, the Association submits the following:

1. The Telecommunications Resellers Association is a national trade association representing more than 650 telecommunications service providers and their suppliers who are engaged in providing a variety of value-added interexchange, local, wireless, and enhanced telecommunications services. Several Association members are certified by TRA to provide telecommunications services within the state of Tennessee, and six members maintain corporate headquarters within Tennessee.

2. Association members are generally small to medium-sized telecommunications service providers. As providers of telecommunications services, the Association's members have a substantial and material interest in the matters raised by BellSouth Telecommunications' compliance with Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 for in-region interLATA market entry in Tennessee, and therefore in the outcome of this proceeding. There are no other parties to this proceeding who can address adequately the concerns of the Association or provide its members' perspective.

3. The Association wishes to intervene for the limited purposes of monitoring the proceeding and submitting responsive comments as appropriate. The proposed intervention by the Association will not unduly broaden the issues involved in this proceeding or prejudice other parties.

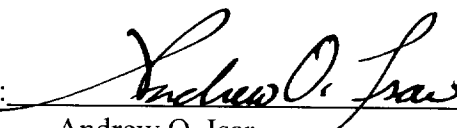
4. The name and address of the individual to receive documents and communications regarding this proceeding is:

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WHEREFORE, the Telecommunications Resellers Association respectfully requests that TRA grant its petition for leave to intervene in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

TELECOMMUNICATIONS
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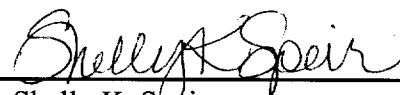
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the Telecommunications Resellers Association's *Petition for Leave to Intervene* was served on January 9, 1998 via U.S. Mail on the following parties:



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